and they are trained scientifically under residential and non-residential basis The expenditure incurred during last three years on the above disciplines is indicated below :

Year	Amount spent
2000-2001	Rs. 104.87 lakhs
2001-2002	Rs. 112.49 lakhs
2002-2003	Rs. 222.70 lakhs

Promotion of youth affairs and sports

†3864. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to promote youth affairs and sports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received proposals from various States in this regard; and

(d) if so, the necessary steps taken by Government in this respect ?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIKRAM VERMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This Ministry is implementing the following major schemes/ programmes for promotion of youth affairs and sports in the country :

Youth Affairs

(i) Schemes/Programmes like Youth Clubs Development, Vocational Training, Sports Promotion, Adventure Promotion etc. are being implemented by the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan.

(ii) National Service Scheme.

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(iii) Promotion of National Integration.

(iv) Promotion of Scouting and Guiding.

(v) National Service Volunteer Scheme.

(vi) National Reconstruction Corps.

(vii) Financial Assistance to Rural Youth/Sports Clubs.

(viii) Promotion of Adventure.

(ix) Financial Assistance for Promotion of Youth Activities and Training.

(x) Youth Hostels.

Sports

(i) Schemes/Programmes like National Sports Talent Contest, Army Boys Sports Companies, Special Area Games, SAI Training Centre, Centre of Excellence etc. are being implemented by the Sports Authority of India.

(ii) Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations.

(iii) Scheme of Incentives for Promotion of Sports Activities.

(iv) Scheme relating to Talent Search and Training.

(v) Scheme of Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure.

(vi) Scheme of Special Awards to winners in international sports events and their coaches.

(vii) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award.

(viii) Rural Sports Programme.

(ix) Arjuna Awards.

(x) National Welfare Fund for sportspersons.

(xi) Sports Scholarship Scheme.

(xii) Promotion of Sports in Universities and Colleges.

(xiii) National Sports Championship for Women.

(xiv) Grants for Installation of Synthetic Surfaces.

(xv) National Sports Development Fund.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Viable proposals received from the Non-Governmental Organisations, State Governments/UT Administrations etc. under the relevant schemes were considered on merit and admissible assistance as per the norms sanctioned against each proposal.

Sports facilities for rural and hilly areas

†3865. DR. A. K. PATEL :Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that better sports facilities are not available for the persons living in rural and hilly areas of the country ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to formulate new schemes to promote sports in the said regions ?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIKRAM VERMA) : (a) to (c) "Sports" is a State subject and it is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to create sports facilities at various places, including hilly and rural areas, to promote sports at all levels. However, in order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments in this direction, Central assistance is provided to the State Governments/Municipal corporations/schools etc. for creation of various sports facilities under the Scheme of Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure, subject to the receipt of viable proposals from the States. For construction of sports projects in hilly areas, Central assistance is provided on 75:25 basis between the Central Government and the State Government against 50:50 basis for other areas. Similarly, under the scheme of "Grants to Rural

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